

Document 1:

- Why: to tell Poland to send machinery to Korea as other countries have sent way more supplies and set up hospitals than Poland
- POV: Polish Ambassador in North Korea, which has seen all the efforts made by other countries

Document 2:

- Why: to forward a letter to his superior, informing them of the British's idea to make a coup in Iran and the pros/cons of it.
- Historical Context: The Iranian government lead by Mosaddgh seemed to be weak in the eyes of the British and thus are unable to prevent a communist takeover. Therefore the British wanted to overthrow the government leader and replace him with someone who would be more resistant to communism.

Document 3:

- Why: to convince people that the British are bad and have committed atrocities. This is a form of propaganda and convinces people to join the Malayan Communist Party and not the British.
- Intended audience: citizens of Malaysia, convinces them to step up for war effort or at least not help the enemy

Document 4:

- Why: to warn president Eisenhower of the dangers of Vietnam (Diem's regime) and says that the people definitely do not want a tyrannical leader that has corrupted the government. The 2 pressures (inside and outside, communist) is helping the communists win.
- Purpose: Trying to get Eisenhower and NATO to replace authoritarian leaders with actual leaders representing democracy. However, NATO wants to stop the spread of communism

Document 5:

- Why: to warn them about the pros and cons of invading afghanistan and the damage it has already done to the USSR.
- Intended Audience: the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the KGB. (to inform them about what is happening in the cold war)

Document 6:

- Why: in order to raise morale and propaganda and spread the influence of the Communist party. Portrays democracy as bad (caused deaths)
- Historical Context: many students in China did not want their books and knowledge burned but it happened anyways. This caused the protrestors to protest

Document 7:

- Why: to show the atrocities the USSR has done to Afghanistan (can only get food and resources from them when they were in control)

Intended audience: the general public in afghanistan, propaganda like.

The communist revolution after WW2 in China under the support of the Soviet Union was a major concern for the U.S., especially due to the growing sphere of influence Soviet Union had. The Cold War emerged from the aftermath of World War 2 as the United States and the Soviet Union competed for global influence. The United States was not majorly affected by the war due to its late participation and the country being an ocean away from where the war took place. With Europe's economy and resources declining due to WW2, the U.S. wanted to rebuild and stabilize the region through initiatives like the Marshall Plan and promote capitalist democratic ideals. In contrast, the Soviet Union tried to expand its control over Eastern Europe, establishing communist regimes and consolidating its power through the Warsaw Pact. In World War 2, Japan wanted to invade China, but during the invasion, lost resources and thus wanted to invade the Philippines for resources. However, the Philippines were also under U.S. control (it was a U.S. colony) and thus they decided to try to bomb the U.S. ships at Pearl Harbor. They also wanted to loosen the grip of Western Influence on Asia. In circa 1945 - 1989, Ideological rivalries between the Western Countries and the Soviet Bloc led to many political instabilities or conflicts in Asia as seen in the war between South Korea and North Korea, the overthrow of the Iranian government, the Vietnam war, the dependence on the USSR by the Afghan government, and the protests and riots in China, as well as the casualties caused by the Chinese government and police force. Specifically, in Afghanistan, they wanted an Islamic Fundamentalist state and but was controlled by a communist government.

Firstly, in Document 1, it states the North Korea was getting support from many communist countries such as Czechoslovakia, China, the Soviet Union, Romanian, Hungary and Poland. The North Koreans were holding their line well, and while the Americans were pressuring them, the army is pushing the Americans back. This shows the extent to the civil war in Korea, where neither side is winning, which means that the civil war goes on for longer and more casualties occur. This is evident with Romanian and Hungary setting up hospitals that can host up to 3000 patients each for 20 months. Therefore, the ideological conflicts between communist and capitalist democracy caused conflict in Korea. In Document 2, the threat of the Soviet Union taking over Iran's government due to their weakness made the U.S. and British form a coup, aimed at replacing the prime minister of Iran. This caused instability in the Iranians due to their current leader being supported by the Iranians. The conflict between communism and capitalist democracy causes political instability in Iran, further proving that the conflicts between Western Countries and the Soviet Bloc caused many conflicts or political instabilities in East Asia. In document 1, the reason it was created was to tell Poland to send machinery to Korea as other countries have sent way more supplies and set up hospitals than Poland. The person who wrote it was a Polish Ambassador in North Korea, which has seen all the efforts made by other countries and did not want Poland to fall behind and be criticized. This is significant because the War in Korea caused many other Eastern European countries such as Czechoslovakia and Hungary to support Korean communism, leading to great political division within Korea that is still lasting today. The Polish Ambassador wanted to uphold Poland's part of the Warsaw Pact and not be criticized for not helping North Korea. In document 2, the reason why the document was created was to forward a letter to the assistant secretary of State's superior, informing them of the British's idea to make a coup in Iran and warning them of the pros/cons of it. Before this letter was sent, the Iranian government led by Mosaddgh seemed to be weak in the eyes of

the British and thus are unable to prevent a communist takeover. Therefore the British wanted to overthrow the government leader and replace him with someone who would be more resistant to communism. Mosaddgh being nationalist means that the government owns the oil, which is socialism. And in the cold war era, socialism was equivalent to communism in the eyes of the western powers. The Korean Civil War conflict is still evident today, as shown in the split of North and South Korea. North Korea is still supporting Russia in 2024, and South Korea and North Korea are still in conflict. The events of the Vietnam War were another conflict in which the Cold War was destructive towards the political structures and ideologies in Asia. The Proxy Vietnam War was a long and lasting for the battle between ideologies of USSR and Western Powers.

Secondly, Document 4, the regime of Diem in South Vietnam was facing challenges from communist guerrilla forces, and internal conflicts. The American's support of an corrupt government meant that people in South Vietnam would protest for reforms. This may lead them to support Communism in Vietnam. The conflict between American and the USSR was so big that the Americans decided to support anyone against communism, even if they were corrupt and tyrannical. However, this conflict between Ideologies caused political instability and a civil war in Vietnam. Furthermore, in Document 5, the invasion of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan meant that the Afghan Government could only depend on aid and resources from socialist camps, mainly the Soviet Union due to Afghanistan being isolated at the international level. This brought conflict in Afghanistan as they could not get the food and other necessities if the Soviet Union did not properly send aid during war and manage their economy. In document 4, the reason the document was created is to warn president Eisenhower of the dangers of spread of communism in Vietnam, specifically in Diem's regime that is supported by the Americans. The significance of this document was that the U.S. knew that they were employing dictators to fight communism, which is also ironic as communism and democracy are closer together than dictatorships. Due to the U.S. knowledge of the dictatorship but their decision to do nothing about it, the Vietnamese decided to side with the USSR, which led to the Vietnam War in where the U.S. brought and put soldiers their to fight for south Vietnam for 15 years. The purpose was to try to get Eisenhower and NATO resolve this issue as it could lead to Vietnam being overtaken by communism, which could mean that East Asia could be entirely under the Soviet Union's control. In document 5, the purpose the letter was sent was to warn them about the pros and cons of invading afghanistan and the damage it has already done to the USSR. The intended audience is the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the KGB, and the purpose was to warn them of the damage done by invading Afghanistan, and the dependence of Afghanistan on the USSR. The signifance of this document was that the USSR was trying to promote communism while suppresing public dissent, while Afghanistan wanted an Islamic Fundamentalist State. This represents the ideological tensions in Afghanistan.

Lastly, in Document 6, the protests and terror in China was caused by the ideological differences and conflicts between Western countries and Soviet Blocs. This is evident when Deng Xiaoping says that the "bad people" were mixed with so many young students and onlookers. Before this, the Communist Party of China wanted to arrest specific teachers that may have aligned more towards a democratic side. It also resulted in the burning of books,

which many young students had protested against. The casualties resulting in these protests were the public security officers and the police forces, as well as many citizens. To conclude, the ideological differences between Western countries and the Soviet bloc created political instability and conflict in China. The reason why Deng Xiaoping gave this speech was to raise morale and propaganda and spread the influence of the Communist party. He also aimed at portraying the police force officers who died as "heroic" and portrays democracy as "bad." This is evident in many Chinese lives, such as Dr. Wang, a famous eye surgeon. In his account of communist China at that time, he had his school mate taken away from him due to him not wanting to join the communist police force. His teacher was taken away and tortured due to his education and high status. The books in his school were also consequently burned. Another thing that happened during Deng Xiaoping's rule is the 4 modernizations, representing China's ideological shift from communism to the Capitalist/Socialist state it is right now. However, at the same time, the Tiananmen incident where people were run over by tanks was also another example of Deng Xiaoping wanting to stop western influence in China and wanted the students to stop revolting for a democratic regime. Furthermore, in Document 7, the "Victory Carpet" represents the Afghanistan's struggle during the occupation of the Soviet Union and that there were many instances of violence, including tanks, guns, bombs, and grenades. This was used by the Soviet Union to keep democracy out of Afghanistan. This also demonstrates that the ideological differences between Western countries and the Soviet Bloc caused many political instabilities and conflicts. In addition, the U.S. support of Afghanistan and the donation of billions of dollars to the Taliban represents how far the U.S. was willing to go in order to combat communism.

Finally, some may say that in document 3, the anti-British Revolution War in Malaysia caused political stability and uniformity. While this may be true due to the propaganda and newspapers passed around, still, the conflicts and political instability caused by the ideological differences outweigh one single country's political stability. Document 3's purpose was to convince people that the British are bad and have committed atrocities. The newspaper was a form of propaganda and convinces people to join the Malayan Communist Party and not the British. The intended audience was the citizens of Malaysia, convinces them to step up for war effort or at least not help the enemy.

To conclude, in circa 1945-1989, despite the political stability in Malaysia, ideological differences between Western countries and the Soviet Bloc caused many political instability and conflicts, as evident in the Korean civil war, the coup and overthrow of the prime minister of Iran, the invasion and conflicts in Afghanistan, as well as Afghanistan's dependency on the USSR, the protests and conflicts in China, and the Civil war in Vietnam. The Korean Civil War led to the separation and instability of Korea, while the Coup and overthrow of the prime minister of Iran still are remembered by the Iranians, making them resentful and also unstable due to the loss of their natural resources (mainly oil). The Afghanistan faces the Taliban, which makes political conflict and violates human rights in Afghanistan. The Taliban was also funded by the U.S. to fight off communism. Therefore, the conflicts between Western Powers and the USSR lead to many instability and political conflict that last even until now.

